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Dear Mr. Zwerdling,

Whatever may have been in your mind when you wrote your letter of the 26th, responsiveness to my letter to Mr. Wurf or to my previous phone conversation with you are not apparent and the making of a self-serving record is.

When you describe the late Dr. King as "a man whose person and cause were and are held in deep affection by Mr. Wurf and by the organization" and simultaneously persist in a refusal to provide information in your possession about a man who without doubt possesses information about Dr. King's assassination there is an inconsistency you have created.

And when you bracket this with what you as a lawyer must know is wrong, that the FBI is in this matter "the appropriate law enforcement authorities," I have to ask myself what can be in your mind and whether you are really trying to do what I had not suspected, hide something.

So, I also write with a purpose I do not hide, to make a record. I have told you that the FBI deceived the courts in this matter and that as a result the sixth circuit ordered an evidentiary hearing and that when the State appealed to the Supreme Court it denied cert, meaning it affirmed the appeals court. You therefore know that these to you "proper authorities" have every interest in not using any "information" you say I should take them (and after I have told you they have it). If your union had this deep and tender regard for the man who gave his life for its members it and you would be sufficiently aware of the actual and unquestionable facts in this entire matter to know that what have been done is obscene and casts the deepest suspicion on Mr. Wurf.

If you have this professed "deep affection" for either the martyr or the law and justice, you might prefer not to take my word. Thus I refer you to C.A. 718-70 in federal district court in Washington, my suit against the Department of Justice, your parent proper authority, for the public evidence it had used to obtain the illegal extradition of James Earl Ray from England. You will find that after procuring this extradition by means of affidavits that range from the irrelevant to the false - and I believe there was perjury and its subornation - it then confiscated the British court's copies, with the aid of the British Government and the State Department, whose written confirmation is in that court record. Thereafter that personification of "proper authority" Richard Kleindienst lied and said the Department had no copies and that if it did they would be immune as "investigatory files" and persisted in this utter falsehood when he was given the proof that he had multiple copies. The court awarded me a summary judgment and if you want to see the "evidence" you are welcome to it.

It should by now be obvious that we do not agree on what is "proper" or how men express "deep affection." We seem to have a real disagreement on how our system of justice works and the responsibilities of citizens to help it work because of what your letter does not say, that I asked your help in obtaining information to use in court and you avoid saying what your letter means, that you and Mr. Wurf personally are refusing this information to what is the proper forum, not the partisan FBI, which lacks jurisdiction, but the court, which has it and will be holding hearing soon.

What is beyond reasonable question is that the assassination of this man Mr. Wurf and the union loved as you have protested repeatedly has not been solved, that the major reason for this is that the FBI saw to it that the case would not be solved by faking an investigation after usurping the case from local jurisdiction and by other means, like confiscating evidence, and that not one of those so loud in their claims of undying love have done a thing to help solve the case or effect justice. I leave you with the record you have made for Mr. Wurf and the union and with whatever it may mean in the future.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg